Appointment of Blind as Lecturer in Indira Gandhi Open University

1919. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any blind has been appointed Lecturer in the Indira Gandhi Open University, Delhi and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) wheter any blind person had applied for the post of Lecturer in political science department in Indira Gandhi Open University;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any such blind person has been appointed in this department and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. According to the University, in the absence of any specific information to that effect in the application for appointment, it is not possible to indicate whether or not any blind person had so far applied for a post of Lecturer in the University.

(b) and (c) In response to an advertisement dated 25.9.1987 for recruitment to the post of Lecturers, the University has received an application from a blind person for the post of Lecturer in Political Science. Selection for these posts have not yet been made.

(d) No, Sir.

Restructuring of cadre in catering department in North-east Frontier Railway

1920. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of posts existing in the catering department in N. F. Railway with effect from 1st January, 1984 for Class III Posts category-wise and for Assistant Manager, Manager and Inspectors; and

(b) what is the number of posts after implementing restructuring of cadre in the catering department in N. F. Railway after 1st January, 1984 category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Vayudoot services in Karnataka

1921. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request for introducing Vayudoot service to Gulbarga in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to consider the request favourably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The resources of Vayudoot and National Airports Authority are fully stretched upto the end of the current plan period. There is, as such, no proposal to airlink Gulbarga during the current plan period.

दिल्ली में स्कूल भवनों का निर्माण

1922. श्री सुनील कुमार दत्त : क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में कौन-कौन से स्कूलों के भवनों का पूर्ण रूप से नव-निर्माण नहीं किया गया है ; और ये स्कूल कहां-कहां

(ख) क्या सरकार इस प्रकार के स्कूलों के निर्माण कार्य में तेजी लाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उस पर कितना धन खर्च किये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (ग) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Refund of earnest money deposited by unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls

1923. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from M.Ps for refund of all the earnest money deposited by a number of unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls on those stations which were previously held by M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons in Delhi and Ferozepur Division due to Supreme Court orders in this regard; and

(b) if so, what action is taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to refund the earnest money to the applicants.

Upgradation of Telecommunication Net-Work

1924. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hurdles in upgrading the existing telecommunication network comparable with developed countries;

(b) the details of required financial outlay for the same;

(c) the number of villages covered with telephone system; and

(d) whether it is a fact that STD calls are being done illegally or stealthily by fraudulent linkages of telephone connections and if so, the details of the preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The main hurdles inupgrading the existing telecom network comparable with developed countries are:

(i) non-availability of resources and

(ii) non-availability of reliable and fault free equipment due to absence of adequate manufacturing capactiy in the country.

(b) It is estimated that nearly Rs. 50,000 crores would be needed for complete upgradation of the existing network with electronic exchanges and reliable transmission media.

(c) Telephone facilities are available in 22,000 villages in the country.

(d) Such cases of diversion of lines for illegal STD connections are extremely rare. Special Vigilance squads have been set up in many cities to make surprise checks of distribution points and also act promptly in case of complaints.

Vayudoot serivces in the country

1925. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot aircrafts, air routes, stations touched passengers and cargo carried daily during the last three months;

(b) whether Vayudoot is a loosing concern, is self sufficient or is making profits;

(c) the scopes for the expansion of